

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL
APRIL 19, 2022**

ITEM 3

SUBJECT

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED ORDER FOR STATE WATER BOARD REVIEW ON ITS OWN MOTION OF GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES FROM IRRIGATED LANDS, ORDER NO. R3-2021-0040, CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD: SWRCB/OCC FILES A-2751(a-b)

DISCUSSION

On April 15, 2021, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) issued General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands Order No. R3-2021-0040 (General Waste Discharge Requirements) to all growers within the region. Two timely petitions were filed seeking review of the General Waste Discharge Requirements with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). These petitions were deemed complete and consolidated for review on July 30, 2021.

State Water Board regulations require that it take final action on the petition by April 26, 2022. The State Water Board anticipates adopting an order that addresses some of the issues raised in the petitions, but not by that date. Therefore, the draft order proposes that the State Water Board review the General Waste Discharge Requirements on its own motion.

POLICY ISSUE

Should the State Water Board adopt the proposed order determining to review the General Waste Discharge Requirements on its own motion?

FISCAL IMPACT

None

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the draft order.